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**JEAN HOEFER TOAL**, Chief Justice, of Columbia. Term expires July 31, 2024. Office Address: 1231 Gervais St., P.O. Box 12456, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-1584; e-mail: [jtoal@sccourts.org](mailto:jtoal@sccourts.org)

**TOAL, Jean Hoefer** (Richland Co.)—*b.* Aug. 11, 1943 in Columbia; *d.* the late Herbert W. and the late Lilla (Farrell) Hoefer; *g.* Agnes Scott Coll., B.A. in Philosophy, 1965; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1968; *m.* William Thomas Toal, 2 daughters, Jean Toal Eisen and Lilla Patrick Toal Mandsager; Managing Editor, *S.C. Law Review*; Phi Beta Kappa; Mortar Bd.; Order of the Coif; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Univ. of S.C., 1991; Agnes Scott Coll., Outstanding Alumnae Award, 1991; Cola. Coll., 1992; Chm., S.C. Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1992–94; John W. Williams Award, Richland Co. Bar, 1994; Jean Galloway Bissell Award, S.C. Women Lawyers Assn., 1995; Portrait Honoree, S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1995; Hon. Doc. of Humane Letters, Coll. of Charleston, 1990; Hon. Doctor of Law, Columbia Coll., 1993; The Citadel, 1999; Francis Marion Univ., 1999; Univ. of S.C., 2000; Charleston Law School, 2007; Converse Coll., 2008; 2002 Govt. Technology Top 25, Doers, Dreamers & Drivers Award; ABA Margaret Brent Award, 2004; Natl. Center for State Courts Sandra Day O'Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Educ., 2010; Lector, St. Joseph's Catholic



Church; John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court; Bd. of Dirs., Conf. of Chief Justices; past Pres., Conf. of Chief Justices; past Chair, Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Center for State Courts; Private Law Practice, Haynsworth, Perry, Bryant, Marion & Johnstone, 1968–70; Belser, Baker, Barwick, Ravenel, Toal & Bender, 1970–88; mem.: S.C. Human Affairs Comm., 1972–74; S.C. House of Reps., 1975–88; Chm., House Rules Com., 1980–88; elected Assoc. Justice Jan. 27, 1988 to fulfill the unexpired term of George Tillman Gregory, Jr., elected Chief Justice; qualified Mar. 17, 1988; re-elected Feb. 14, 1996; elected Chief Justice June 2, 1999 to fulfill the unexpired term of Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr., retired; installed Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

*Exec. Asst.* .....Michelle J. Pinkney

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**COSTA M. PLEICONES, Associate Justice,  
Seat 2, of Columbia. Term expires July 31, 2016.**

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**PLEICONES, Costa M.** (Richland Co.)—*b.* 1944 in Greenville; *s.* the late Michael J. and Lecha Palassis Pleicones; *g.* Wofford Coll., A.B., 1965; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1968; married, with 2 adult children; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit Feb. 6, 1991–00; elected Assoc. Justice Feb. 9, 2000 to fulfill the unexpired term of Jean H. Toal, elected Chief Justice;

qualified Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.* .....Kelly Yongue

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**BEATTY, Donald W. “Don”** (Spartanburg Co.)—*g.* S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1979; mem., City Council, City of Spartanburg, 1988–90; mil. serv.: Off., USA; former mem.: Piedmont Legal Servs. Bd. of Dirs.; Spartanburg Residential Dev. Corp.; Southside Neighborhoods Assn. Partnership; BB&T Adv. Bd.; BMW minority Adv. Bd./BMW



Construction Project; current mem., Sentencing Reform Comm.; House of Reps., 1991–95; past mem.: Med., Mil., Public and Municipal Affairs Com.; Jud. Com.; served as VC and Chm.-elect of the S.C. Legis. Black Caucus; Seventh Circuit Fee Dispute Resolution Com.; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Com. to Review S.C. Drug and Common Laws; Judge of the Seventh Circuit, 1995–03; Court of Appeals, 2003–07; elected to Supreme Court May 23, 2007 to fulfill the unexpired term of E. C. Burnett, retired; qualified Aug. 10, 2007; re-elected Feb. 3, 2010, serving continuously since.

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**JOHN WILLIAMSON KITTREDGE, Associate Justice, Seat 3, of Greenville. Term expires July 31, 2018. Home Address: 42 Forest Lane, Greenville 29605, Tel. (864) 467-8593**

**KITTREDGE, John Williamson** (Greenville Co.)—*b.* Sept. 28, 1956 in Greenville; s. the late E. H. Kittredge, Jr. and Marian J. Kittredge; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1979, J.D., 1982; June 20, 1981 *m.* Lila Graham Hewell, 3 children, Lila Marian, Will, and Zay; Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif; Order of the Wig & Robe; past Pres., Crimestoppers of Greenville; past Chm., City of Greenville Civil Serv. Comm.; past mem., Gov.’s Com. on Criminal Justice, Crime & Delinquency; past Bd. mem. & VP, Greenville Tech. Coll. Foundation;



past mem., S.C. Jt. Legis. Com. on Children; Gov.'s Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1995–98; First Presbyterian Church; elected Family Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, May 8, 1991 and served continuously until elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 14, 1996; qualified May 3, 1996; served continuously until elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit May 6, 1998; qualified June 9, 1998, served continuously until elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, May 28, 2003–08, served continuously until elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 3, Feb. 6, 2008; qualified May 14, 2008, serving continuously since.

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**HEARN, Kaye Gorenflo** (Horry Co.)—  
*b.* Jan. 30, 1950 in Delaware, Ohio; *d.* James F.  
and Kathleen (Haines) Gorenflo; *g.* Bethany  
Coll., B.A., *cum laude*, 1972; Univ. of S.C., J.D.,  
*cum laude*, 1977; Univ. of Va., LL.M., 1998;  
Hon. Doctorate of Law, Charleston School of  
Law, 2010; Hon. Doctorate of Humanities,  
Francis Marion Univ., 2011; Hon. Doctorate of

Law, Univ. of S.C., 2013; Feb. 16, 1980 *m.* George M. Hearn,  
1 child, Kathleen Wrenn; Order of the Wig and Robe; recipient,  
Amer. Jurisprudence Award, Conflict of Laws; Legal Writing  
Instructor; law clerk to the Honorable J. B. Ness, Assoc. Jus-  
tice of the S.C. Supreme Court, 1977–79; private law practice,  
1979–86; mem., Bd. of Bar Examiners, 1984–86; Horry Co.  
Family Court Judge, 1986–95; Pres., S.C. Conf. of Family Court  
Judges, 1992–93; S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.'s Portrait Honoree,  
2004; Pres., Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal,  
2005–06; mem.: St. Anne's Episcopal Church; elected Judge of  
the Court of Appeals Mar. 21, 1995–Feb. 2000; elected Chief  
Judge of the Court of Appeals June 2, 1999 to fulfill the unex-  
pired term of Chief Judge William T. Howell, retired; qualified  
May 4, 1999; elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court,



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